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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND NUCLEAR FREE ZONE PROPOSAL

REFERENCE: STATE 83038

1. NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR WHITE TOLD ZURHELLEN APRIL 18
HE HAD GIVEN US "BUM STEER" IN CONVERSATION REPORTED
REFTEL ABOUT GNZ INTENT TO SLOW DOWN ACTION REGARDING
NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. HE NOW HAD A MESSAGE FROM WELLINGTON
THAT PRIME MINISTER ROWLING HAD TAKEN ANOTHER LOOK AND
DECIDED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO APPEAR TO SHOW MORE
INTEREST IN THE PROJECT. ROWLING MIGHT THEREFORE TALK
ABOUT THIS SUBJECT AT JAMAICA COMMONWEALTH PRIME
MINISTERS' MEETING NEXT WEEK AND HAD ASKED TO HAVE THE
SUBJECT MENTIONED AT THE ANZUS CONFERENCE. WHITE

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DOUBTED, HOWEVER, THAT ROWLING WOULD RAISE THIS

QUESTION DURING HIS CALL ON PRESIDENT FORD MAY 7.

2. ZURHELLEN THANKED WHITE FOR NEW INFORMATION,
AND STATED WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE OUR VIEWS

AT ANZUS MEETING ON NUCLEAR FREE ZONE PROPOSAL WHICH,
AS WHITE KNOWS, WERE NEGATIVE. AS FOR ROWLING'S
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHITE SHOULD UNDERSTAND,
AS ZURHELLEN HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD HIM, THAT ROWLING
SHOULD NOT MISUNDERSTAND USG FEELINGS ABOUT NUCLEAR
FREE ZONE PROPOSAL SINCE SUCH MISUNDERSTANDING MIGHT
LEAD HIM TO ADVANCE PROPOSAL IN TERMS HE MIGHT NOT
USE IF HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD HOW THIS PROPOSAL WOULD
UNDERCUT U.S. ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANZUS DEFENSE. KISSINGER

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